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SUBJECT: VIET- NAM CEASE- FIRE WEEKLY ASSESSMENT, JUNE 17-24, 1973

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1. SUMMARY: THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY THROUGHOUT THE RVN DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KONTUM, WHERE AN RVNAF DRIVE TO RECOVER RECENTLY LOST TERRITORY CONTINUES, AND DINH TUONG AND CHUONG THIEN PROVINCES IN THE DELTA, WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF ARMED FORCES MAKES HOSTILE CONTACT NEARLY INEVITABLE. SOUTH VIETNAMESE REACTION TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE REMAINS SKEPTICAL AND MISTRUSTFUL OF THE COMMUNISTS. THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC) AGREED ON A FEW MINOR ORGANIZTIONAL CHANGES, BUT REMAINS WIDELY DIVIDED ON THE BASIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF THE MEEING OF OPPOSING TROOP COMMANDERS AND DEPLOYMENT. COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CONTINUES TO HAIL THE JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE AS A " GREAT VICTORY," A POINT THEY ARE USING IN A REVITALIZED PROPAGANDA/ PROSELYTING CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH VIET- NAM. END SUMMARY.

2. THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE DROPPED OFF SUBSTANTIALLY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS CEASE- FIRE II BEGAN TO TAKE HOLD. MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO BE VIRTUALLY NON- EXISTENT NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS IN MR 1 AND SLACKENED CONSIDERABLY SOUTH OF THAT AREA AS THE EXTENDED ELEMENTS OF THE 78 TH RANGER BATTALION PULLED BACK ON BATTALION HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWESTERN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, REDUCING THE CHALLENGE TO VC, A SUPPLY ROUTES. MR 2, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KONTUM, REMAINED QUIET. WEST OF KONTUM, ABOUT SIX BATTALIONS OF RVNAF CONTINUED THEIR OFFENSIVE TO RECAPTURE TRUNG NGHIA VILLAGE AND NEARBY AREAS SEIZED BY THE VC/ NVA IN THE WANING HOURS OF CEASE- FIRE I. MR 3 WAS QUIET, AS WAS MOST OF MR 4 EXCEPT FOR CHUONG THIEN AND DINH TUONG WHERE, AS CONGEN CAN THO SAYS, " THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS ON BOTH SIDES MAKES HOSTILE CONTACT ALMOST INEVITABLE."

3. THE DELTA HAD TWO NOTABLE TERRORIST INCIDENTS DURING THE WEEK. A JEEP CARRYING THE WIFE OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF OF VINH BINH, THE CONFIDENTIAL

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WIFE OF THE CHAU THANH DISTRICT CHIEF AND FOUR CHILDREN WAS THE TARGET OF A COMMAND- DETAONATED MINE WHICH KILLED ALL PASSENGERS. IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE, THE VC ENTERED THE HOME OF A GVN DEPUTY HAMELT CHIEF AND GUNNED HIM AND SEVEN MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY DOWN WITH AK-47' S.

4. SOUTH VIETNAMESE REMAIFED SKEPTICAL OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. TWO RVNAF CONTACTS IN MR 1 EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE CEASE- FIRE WOULD PROVIDE A SCREEN BEHIND WHICH THE COMMUNISTS COUND CARRY ON THEIR PLAN TO DEVELOP A " THIRD VIET - NAM." MOST SOUTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUE TO MISTRUST THE COMMUNISTS DEEPLY AND DO NOT BELIEVE THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ANY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE ORIGINAL CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT IN DAMPENING VC/ NVA VIOLATIONS.

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5. THE TPJMC DURING THE WEEK AGREED TO SOME MINOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES; ALLOWING THE PW SUB- COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEMS OF BOTH CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND MILITARY PW' S, COMBINING THE SUB- COMMITTEES ON ORGANIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT, AND CREATING A NEW SUB- COMMITTEE ON POINTS OF ENTRY. ON THE BASIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, HOWEVER, THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES CONTINUE TO ESPOUSE IRRECONCILABLE POSITIONS. THE PRG DEL HAS CONTINUED TO PUSH FOR MEETINGS OF OPPOSING LOCAL TROOP COMMANDERS (VC/ NVA ELEMENTS IN BINH DING AND KONTUM PROVINCES OF MR 2 HAVE PROPOSED SUCH , AND HAVE BEEN REBUFFED BY RVNAF COMMANDERS.) THE GVN DEL, HOWEVER, IS HOLDING OUT FOR A COUNTRY- WIDE CEASE- FIRE WITH TROOPS HOLDING IN PLACE AND THE IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF FOUR OR FIVE TPJMC CONTROL TEAMS TO INSPECT THE SITUATION. THEN, THEY SAY, SIVISION COMMANDERS CAN MEET AND DISCUSS FURTHER MEETINGS TO BE CONDUCTED AT SUBORDINATE ECHELONS. SIMILARLY ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF TPJMT' S, THE PRG PROPOSES DEPLOYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE " NEW" SITES ON THE BORDER OF THE " ZONES OF CONTROL" AS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE 11(B) OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE GVN COUNTERS WITH A PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT TO THE SEVEN CEASE- FIRE REGIONAL SITES, A PICK- UP OF PRG DEL REPRESENTATIVES AT THOSE SITES AND THEN, DISCUSSION OF THE " NEW" SITES. MEANWHILE, THE 24- HOURS DEADLINE SUBSEQUENT TO THE CEASE- FIRE FOR TROOP COMMANDER MEETINGS HAS PASSED AND THE FIFTEEN- DAY DEADLINE FOR DEPLOYMENT IS NEAR.

6. THE COMMUNIST CONTINUE TO HAIL THE JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE AS A " GREAT VICTORY" AND MOST REGIONS REPORT A REVITALIZED VC
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PROPAGANDA/ PROSELYTING CAMPAING USING THIS THEME. AT THE SAME TIME, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE INCREASED THEIR DENUNCIATIONS OF THE GVN FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF CEASE- FIRE II AND CLAIMS THAT SAIGON HAS NO INTENTION OF IMPLEMENTING THE CEASE- FIRE. BOTH HANOI AND VC PROPAGANDA MEDIA HAVE MODERATED THEIR ANTI- US POLEMIC SOMEWHAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONTINUED BOMBING IN CAMBODIA WHICH THEY CONTINUE TO DENOUNCE AS AN OUTRIGHT VIOLATION OF THE CEASE- FIRE. THE DOMESTIC PROPAGANDA LINE OF THE DRV/ PRG REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. STRESS IS STILL LAID ON THE SAME TASKS; TO CONSOLIDATE, RE- POPULATE AND DEVELOPE THE " LIBERATED AREAS," TO EXPAND AND REVITALIZE THE PARTY APPARATUS, TO PROSELYTE GVN PERSONNEL AND TO INCREASE DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE GVN TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO PRISONER RELEASES AND " DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES."
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